

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masato TAKAHASHI Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 10/023,653 Examiner: P. Kim

Filed: December 21, 2001 Docket No.: 110975

For: STAGE APPARATUS, VIBRATION CONTROL METHOD AND EXPOSURE

APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 10, 2003 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.